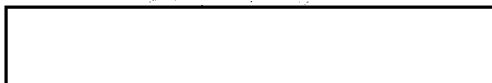


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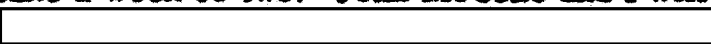
15 October 1961

Mr. James M. Barker



Dear Jim:

Clover, with whom I shared your letter, and I both appreciated hearing from you and Margaret. In particular I wanted to thank you for what you say about developments affecting me. I shall give you the whole story when we next meet, which I hope will be soon, and the charms of Pinckney Island have left their deep impression on both of us.

I shall probably turn over this job in about a month from now, give or take a week or two. John McCone and I will be going to Europe  early in November.

My plans for the future are somewhat indefinite and I do not expect to give much thought to this until I have left this desk. In any event, we will be staying in Washington for some little time as I have some writing I want to do not related to my work here except indirectly, but more generally to what the Communist threat means for us.

Clover joins me in sending all best wishes to you both.

Sincerely,

AWD/ji

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